

Rec^d: Sept 3^d
Ans same day.

Cleveland O. Aug^r 23^d 1853.
George Engelmann M.D.

Dear Sir.

Among my amusements of late
I have spent considerable time in the
cultivation of my greenhouse plants -
Especially the various cacti, - It is
a matter of interest to me to recognize
them under their correct names -
but I find that their nomenclature
is a jargon of confusion among
the practical Gardeners in the Eastern
Cities - All attempts at obtaining correct
names have thus far proved a
failure with me. Dr. L. C. Conz, who
visited me a few days since &
entered with some interest into the
subject, advised me to write you ~~on~~
~~the subject~~ - This, I have concluded to
do, though with great hesitation, for I
know well the amount of taxation



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revised on the time and patience, of
Men, of Science - by applications of a
Kindred Character -

If perfectly convenient I would be
obliged to You - if you would put the
Deam Mr. Palmer, in the way of obtaining
either cuttings or seeds of any of that
family of plants, correctly labelled,
especially of the Texan & Mexican species,

From seeds obtained, from the
National Greenhouse, & labelled "Monkey
Cactus" from New Mexico I have raised
several plants - It is a Mammothian,
Is any one species known by the above
vulgar name?

Your kindness would be reciprocated
in any way you may suggest.

Very truly Yrs

Jacob N. Kuitand

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Rev - Lpt J. J.

Cleveland O. Aug^r 23/55

George Engelmann M.D.

Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to
Your acquaintance Edward Palmer, an
enterprising Young Naturalist, who has
recently returned from Paraguay.

Very respectfully, Yours
Sared F. Hirtland



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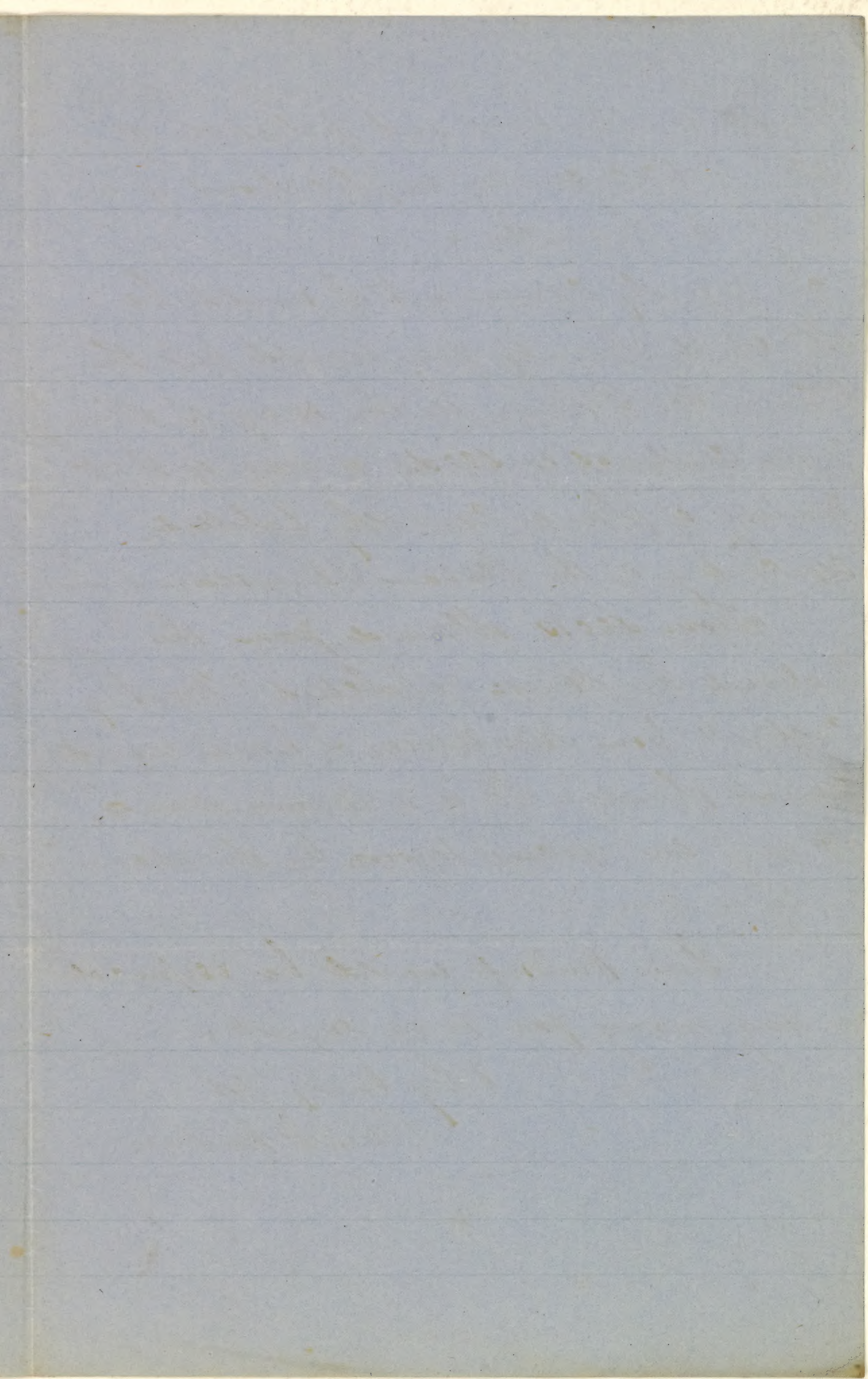
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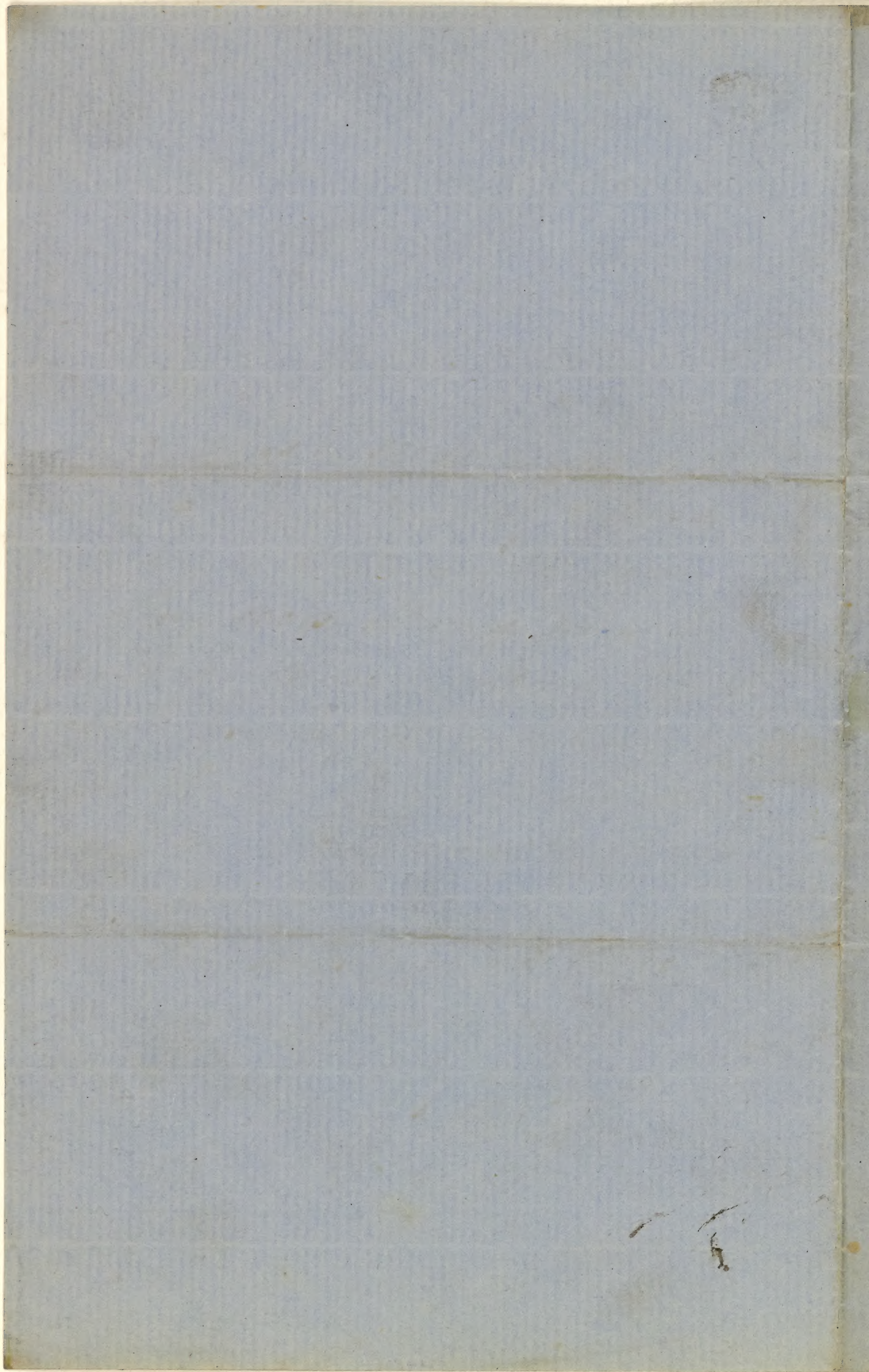
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Rec^d Sept 24

East. Rockport. O. Sept 20th 1855.

Dear Sir

The packages of *Cactaceae* seeds, were duly rec^d - and place me under great obligations. With cuttings of that family of plants I rarely fail to succeed at any season of the Year & have no doubt, that at the opening of next spring, these will be in a healthy & vigorous condition.

A portion of each kind of the seeds I placed in one of my forcing boxes, (constructed somewhat like Ward's cases) and I observe to day that the *Cereus giganteus* & *Echinocactus Texensis* are already vegetating freely. - They will receive every care & attention -

Can I in any manner reciprocate your kindness? -

Will you hand the inclosed to Dr. Hayden when he visits St Louis -
Geo. Engelmann M.D. Very truly Yours
J. P. Rostand



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If you know Dr. May does present
location will you forward
the inclosed to him - but
please to retain it if there
is any uncertainty as to the
reaching him.

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Rec^d Nov. 5th

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Cleveland O, May 3rd 1858.

D. Englemann

Dr Sir.

The cactus cuttings, seeds & plants, which you had the goodness to send me by Mr Palmer - two or three years since generally succeeded and are now in a fine condition - An exception however occurred with one I most valued, the *Cactus (Cereus) giganteus*. The seeds vegetated but the young plants damped off, with all the care I could bestow on them.

The loss of my wife and a change in my domestic arrangements have given me time to pursue my favorite amusements the cultivation of my flowers and Bees, In both pursuits I have become somewhat an adept - By means of my small hot or forcing house and a well constructed green-house, I have been very successful, in vegetating exotic and rare seeds. - Formerly I



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Geological C. May 3/1858

Dr. J. D. Smith
For Sir

The Carter's Cartage, needs of plants,
which you have the geography to send me
by Mr. Palmer. Two or three years since
I generally succeeded and am now in a
fair position. The position however
occurs with one I must admit, the
Carter's (Carter) the order of plants
but the young plants I have off, and as
the case I could better be them.
The top of my life and a change in
my domestic arrangements have given
me time to finish my former manuscript
the cultivation of my flowers and 1858,
on both subjects I have become somewhat
able. By means of my more botanical
house and a new microscope I have been
I have been very successful in collecting
plants and now seeds. - I have



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secured many articles in that line, from the
National Green House and Patent Office
with which my management almost always
succeeded - Of late however I seem to have
lost cast, especially with the former (not
worshipping at the same shrine) and all
supplies from thence have been cut off -
My applications have not only been refused
but positive insult has been returned.

If You have any little articles in that
line which You can spare without inconvenience
I should be very grateful for them -

I labor with such things - only as a
matter of science & amusement -

If I can in any manner reciprocate
your favors let me know it. -

Do You Cultivate Bees? - I manage
them with as much freedom & facility as
Van Amburg does his Lions & Tygers -

Very truly Yrs &c
J. P. Kirtland



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Rec'd Dec 26

Cleveland, Dec. 23rd 1860.

George Engelmann, M.D.

Dear Sir.

Through the medium of Dr. Newberry
Your kind letter of Sept 1st and Your
work on "The Cactaceae" came to hand.

They place me under great, and
renewed obligations.

The History, & the cultivation of this family
of plants have, for some years, been
favorite subjects, with me. I can
hardly express the satisfaction I have
derived from Your publication.

If the public generally fail to recognize
the beauties of these plants, and hence
overlook the worth of Your publication, You
may be sure that its merits will command
the attention & respect of the Scientific,
in every part of the world.

With great respect, Yours
Jared O. Hilliards.



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Dec: 2nd

Checkland, Dec. 23rd 1880.

George Engelmann, M.D.
Dear Sir:

Although the specimens of *P. Michx.*
from this letter of Oct. 1st and Jan.
last are "the collected" I am to thank
you for the material you have sent, and
for the opportunity.
The history of the collection of this group
of plants has for some years been
a most interesting, and not a few
hardly refers to the collection of plants
which form the collection.
Of the little group of plants to recognize
the species of these plants, and hence
look at the work of your collection, the
may be sure that its material will be
the collection of the group of plants,
in every part of the world.
With great respect,
Yours truly,
J. H. R. S.

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